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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, the references are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are submitted herewith. The attached copies may have been pulled from Applicants' or assignee's file. Accordingly, some of the references may have written indicia thereon. It is requested that the Examiner ignore all such written indicia as such indicia may not be relevant to the instant case or may not be an accurate characterization of the reference.

A first Office Action has issued in connection with the referenced application, but no Final Action or Notice of Allowance has issued. Accordingly, a fee is due. The attached check for \$180.00 is for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2130.

It is Applicants' desire to have these references available in the record for both the examiner and the public to review. Applicants, therefore, request that the examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make all references of record.


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